signals crosses a public property, public road, etc. permission from the Telegraph Authority would have to be obtained.

(c) No, Sir.

**Release of Wheat for Rural Employment Programmes**

1311. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered a proposal for release of wheat from the Central stocks for the rural employment programme;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the stock of foodgrains proposed to be released by Government during the current year,

(d) what is the stock of foodgrains lying with the Central and the State Governments at present; and

(e) the extent to which the rural employment programme is likely to be benefited by the release of the foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) According to guidelines for implementation of rural employment programme (NREP/RLEGP), 1 Kg. of subsidised foodgrains are required to be given as part of wages to the workers under these programmes Foodgrains, including wheat, for this purpose are released from the Central stocks. During 1985-86 it has been decided to give 1 million tonnes of wheat to different States/UTs under rural employment programmes (NREP/RLEGP) as an additionality over and above the normal allocations of resources made under these programmes The cost of this wheat is to be met entirely by the Centre. At least 40 per cent of the wages are now required to be paid in foodgrains.

(d) The position of foodgrains stock with public agencies (Central & States) as on 1-2-86 is estimated at 23.75 million tonnes (16.76 million tonnes with FCI and 6.99 million tonnes with States).

(e) Utilisation of additional wheat is likely to generate 50 million mandays of additional employment during the current year.

**Viability Report of the Employees of the Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited**

1312. SHRI SHANTIMOY GHOSH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a viability report prepared by the Joint Committee of the employees of the Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited high-lighting the ways to make the unit viable,

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto,

(c) what action 'Government' have so far taken on that report; and

(d) if no action has been taken, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government has taken into consideration the alternatives suggested in the memorandum, and is examining various strategies to deal with the problems of heavy accumulated losses and surplus labour in the company.

**Appointment of I.A.S. officers as heads of A.I.R. and Doordarshan**

1313. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that on the retirement of Director General of All India Radio in 1982 the post was not filled up by the departmental promotion of the eligible officer but an outsider belonging to I.A.S. cadre was appointed by revising the recruitment rules and consequent on his relinquishing charge in February, 1985,